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Subject: Camping Restrictions at Moon Lake and Brownie Lake Campgrounds has been Terminated Opening the Campgrounds to all Campers.

Vernal, Utah July 13, 2007 ... Camping restrictions at Moon Lake and Brownie Lake Campgrounds on the Ashley National Forest which required campers to use a hard sided camping vehicle as a result of Black Bear activity has been terminated and the campgrounds are open to all campers beginning at noon on July 13th.

Kevin B. Elliott, Forest Supervisor for the Ashley National Forest stated, "Providing for Public safety while recreating on the Ashley National Forest is my key concern. Through working with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources we are comfortable that the restrictions are no longer necessary to ensure public safety, however I would like to remind all campers they share the Forest with many animals and to keep a clean camp that will not attract unwanted visitors."

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and/or (b), the prohibition listed in Order Number: 070607A3, in reference to overnight occupancy without a fully hard sided camping vehicle that is structurally sound, and sleeping outside of a fully hard sided camping vehicle that is structurally sound, applicable to the Moon Lake and Brownie Campgrounds on the Ashley National Forest, dated July 6, 2007 and signed by Kevin B. Elliott, Ashley National Forest Supervisor, is hereby terminated effective 1200, July 13, 2007.